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Sleddog Classi postponed for third time

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

The current weather has brought the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic the closest it has come so far to being able to keep its Feb. 25 and 26 date, but it is still not close enough.

The sprint race has been postponed once again due to not enough snow in and around town.

The event is now scheduled for March 11 and 12, yet organizers admit their faith in the weather cooperating is being challenged.

"At least with the recent cold weather, maybe the Rosebud River will actually freeze," said Bill Windsor of the organizing committee. "While we still need snow, the race trail crosses the Rosebud in four different places and passes under the Highway 582 bridge on the river."

"If the river isn't frozen, it doesn't matter how much snow we have or don't have, sled dogs and sleds can't negotiate the trail if the river isn't frozen enough to support them. Sled dogs pulling a sleigh can't swim."

Although discouraged by the weather, organizers remain optimistic about the longer daylight they will have to work with, the closer the race gets to spring.

"While we continue to push the race closer and closer to spring and face the reality that snow doesn't stick around long in our Alberta spring, the days are getting longer so we have a wider window of daylight to conduct the races in," said Windsor.

According to organizers, mushers from across the western provinces and northwestern United States will be participating in this race, so the event still holds great promise for the town of Didsbury and the surrounding area.

World Champion skijorers from Yellowknife and mushers from Pennsylvania will compete in the race, whenever the snow comes.

More than 70 per cent of the scheduled sled dog races in North America this winter have been cancelled due to weather, but organizers are doing all they can to ensure they're not another one.

"Interest in this event is very high," said Windsor. "We are fielding inquiries from all over the place, people eager to know if

and when the race is going to happen. People who will be coming to the race and our community from everywhere in the province and beyond.

"We owe them our best efforts to be prepared to host this race whenever the snow finally comes. Another postponement is just a reflection of our commitment to making this event happen."

The committee is excited that Shaw Cable is scheduled to do an interview and promotional piece on the Classic on Tues., Feb. 21.

"At least with the little bit of snow we've gotten over the last few days, it might look a little bit like winter," said Windsor.

The Classic requires six inches of snow to fall, early enough so there is still time to finish the trail before the new race days, March 11 and 12.

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Review of Pratt file taking place

Unescorted visit not yet rescheduled

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury review

Residents remain concerned about future visits from convicts let out of prison on unescorted temporary absence permits since no reason was given for the repeal of convicted murderer Allan Pratt's permit.

The National Parole Board was responsible for

making the decision to grant the visit, following a thorough risk assessment based on the case file information and a hearing with the offender.

But the actual implementation of the authorized plan was the responsibility of the Correctional Service of Canada, which was also responsible for rescinding the decision last Friday.

"Safety concerns were raised by the community, and in light of those reactions we made the decision."

JEFF CAMPBELL
Correctional Service of Canada

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The National Parole Board would like to clarify that it has not reversed its decision in the Pratt case.

Officials say it remains authorized on Jan. 19, meaning Pratt is still granted an unescorted temporary absence permit.

"We rescinded the decision given the fact the environment in Didsbury changed," said Jeff Campbell, Correctional



ALLAN PRATT

Service of Canada. "Safety concerns were raised by the community, and in light of those reactions we made the decision."

The Bowden Correctional Institute contacted the Correctional Service with concerns after receiving calls from the local RCMP, the media, and MP Myron Thompson.

"Community concerns always weigh into the factor, it is all about safety," said Campbell.

Correctional Service, the RCMP and the parole board are all working on an action plan for Pratt.

"There is a review being done on the file and we will wait and see the results of that before another date is set for the visit," said Campbell. "We are taking everything into consideration."

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Shawne Mohl/For the Didsbury Review

Lyle Oberg, Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, spoke at last week's Chamber meeting. Above, he took time to answer a few questions after the meeting with some of those that attended the meeting.

Lyle Oberg talks small town Alberta

Minister says immigration is the answer to labour shortages

BY SHAWNE MOHL
For the Didsbury Review

Lyle Oberg explained to a small crowd at the Carstairs and Community District Chamber of Commerce meeting last Wednesday that he understands small towns, and isn't just some politician who sits in a stuffy office in Edmonton.

Oberg is Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, and is also the MLA for the Brooks-Strathmore area, and was invited by the Chamber to speak about where small towns fit into the mix of such a busy Province like Alberta.

Oberg says he understands small towns, because he is a small-town farm boy at heart. He explained that he grew up in Forestburg on a farm, where his family still farms. Oberg didn't want to farm though, so he moved to Red Deer where he enrolled in pre-med at Red Deer College, before transferring to the University of Alberta where he graduated from medicine in 1983.

Upon graduating from the U of A in Edmonton he moved to Cold Lake where he worked in his first practice.

He stayed in Cold Lake for 10 months, and then moved to Brooks where he continued to practice before entering Provincial politics.

Oberg says that his government's goal is to ensure that small town's in rural Alberta continue to grow, thrive and are successful, just like the large urban centres of Edmonton and Calgary.

"We have no wish or need to make the Town of Carstairs fail," he said. "I think Carstairs is in the position that it's just going to grow and thrive... it's in the perfect position for this... we have to keep a happy, healthy rural Alberta."

Oberg says that with Carstairs' close proximity to the City of Calgary, and the announcement of the ring road expected in the city next week even more people are going to consider the town as a place to call home.

"People are going to be able to get to 16th Ave in Calgary in 10 minutes of entering the city limits, and won't have to be stuck on the Deerfoot (Trail) anymore," he said.

"What does this mean for Carstairs? It means a huge potential for growth."

Another thing which Oberg says is going to add to the growth of Carstairs is the huge development proposed for the Balzac area.

Plans are to build a mega-mall and horse race track with hotels.

"There is no longer a barrier there," Oberg said. "People can now move north."

Oberg says that his government is committed to working with small towns - like Carstairs - to ensure that their growth is well planned out and controlled.

"Small town Alberta is alive and well and it's our job (as government) to ensure that continues."

Another thing which is going to add growth to small, rural communities is trying to attract more workers to the Province, perhaps even from other countries.

Over the next decade Alberta is expected to be short 100,000 skilled workers in practically every field.

"The labour shortages are one of the most important issues that face Alberta right now," Oberg said.

"If we expect to continue our economic boom, it's not going to happen if we don't find more workers... we are in a dire consequence. We have 100,000 jobs in Alberta that need to be filled in the next 10 years."

Oberg says that two years ago when he was Alberta's Education Minister school populations were going up two per cent annually and that trend has dropped to now a decline of two per cent per year.

He says that with less students going to school, less people having children, and less workers Alberta needs to do something to ensure the economy doesn't stop booming because there aren't enough people to do the work.

He says one of the things which has already proven that there is a labour shortage is how much construction costs have gone up over the past two years.

"We are in an inverted pyramid of population. So, what are we going to do? Do I want to pay 25 per cent more for my construction costs like I did this year? The answer to all of this is immigration."

Oberg says that Alberta needs to get on the band-wagon and start working with different countries with high unemployment rates, get their residents trained, and get them over to Alberta to work.

"We have to find a way to tie these workers to a job," he explained.


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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Lonely hearts can be mended



Last week I met a man, he was an older man, and he told me how he lives in the country and wanted to move back into town.

We chatted for awhile, and when I asked him why he wanted to move to town, his eyes filled with tears. He told he was very lonely, and living in the country made him feel more alone.

"I have no one to talk to" he said, "maybe if I lived in town, I would meet some people to talk to me."

Hearing this broke my heart, because I know he is not alone.

I also know that even seniors who live in town alone can feel lonely, and not all of them have the option of going out and visiting people, but they have limited movement, and therefore stay in the comfort of their homes.

I think it would be wonderful for volunteers to go to these people, maybe once a week or once every couple of weeks, and visit with them. Eat with them, have tea with them, laugh with them, just be around them to let them know they are not alone.

There are volunteers who go to the lodges and the hospitals to visit with seniors there, which is just wonderful and very important, but what about those people who are at home alone, and never around others? I feel these people need that interaction just as much, if not more than those who are in a lodge or at the hospital, continuously around others.

If some sort of visiting group was to be arranged, I would absolutely join, and I think others would too. It is a joy spending time with seniors, hearing about their lives and stories.

There is no one better to learn from, than those who have decades of life experience behind them.

Really, I think it would be beneficial to both the senior and the volunteer. Everyone needs a friend!

Tamara Collins



GUEST EDITORIAL

Old politics same as the new

New politics same as the old

When you marked that ballot beside the big blue 'C' did you think you were voting for change, accountability and integrity? Last week's cabinet announcement from the office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper just goes to show that, in politics, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Those who had hoped to have every right to feel "devastated".

"Devastated" is what Harper said he was when Belinda Stronach crossed the floor to the Liberals last March.

Circumspect is not what Tory supporters across Canada were when Stronach took that same step. In fact, the response was downright vitriolic, misogynistic and juvenile. Alberta MLA Tony Abbot came right out with "I said that she whored herself out for power, that's what she did."

Ontario Conservative Rob Runciman came out with "I think she sort of defined herself as something of a dipstick. An attractive one, but still a dipstick." and the new leader of our country, Harper condescendingly chimed in with, "I've never

really noticed complexity to be Belinda's strong point."

"He's a man of great intelligence, a man with a stellar record in the private sector who is clearly committed to public service."

Let's hope Harper wasn't just playing lip service to the idea of integrity of the democratic process as well. The new PM led the charge, calling for Stronach to participate in a by-election after switching sides, even though she'd served her constituents for nine months before re-evaluating her position. Emerson just barely made it past nine days. The Conservative candidate in that riding trailed at a very distant third.

On top of the Emerson debacle, Harper also rewarded Michael Fortier, his 2004 leadership lynchpin and co-chair of this winter's successful Conservative campaign, with an unelected Senate position and an unelected cabinet position. Well, it sure is good to see an end to those good-old boy back room deals.

- St. Albert Gazette

YOUR LETTERS

All concerns are valuable

Dear Devony,

I was wondering if you had even read Carrie William's letter. Everyone's opinion has value & worth, regardless of how small the concern may seem to others. You can have all the freedom, means & rights & still have bad manners or be rude as your letter clearly illustrates!

Carrie did NOT have pets, own businesses or become parents. Carrie also did NOT say in the letter that the "Shrieking" child shouldn't be allowed to cry or to "express" itself. There seemed to be a genuine concern that the child was experiencing some difficulties. That as well, did not appear to be an individual having a bad day or mood & it was stated in the letter "a few weeks ago" & "last week"! It seemed to me that Carrie's message was very basic in saying that it was felt there were some rude people in town & could they be a little more responsible? Regardless of what country a person is from or the social conditions it is a parent's moral & social responsibility AND their obligation to care for their child. Although it isn't our job to educate other parents as to how to raise their children -

they apparently need a little jump-start occasionally. In regards to people leaving their dog poop where it drops, regardless of whether a bomb drops around their arse...its poop should be picked up. There are rules that were made here in beautiful Didsbury, Alberta, Canada so that you can continue to exercise your freedom and continue to be a pet owner.

Self-serving people usually don't let us forget how lucky we are. Look at the bright side and keep a happy smile. Would you justify their situation by "reminding" them how lucky they are to have access to Food Banks, Welfare and jobs?

I sensed that you've been around one of those wars...but Shaw & National Geographic still isn't the real McCoy.

I do not take credit for having conquered certain "Worldly" problems and you certainly did not single-handedly give me my freedom. Your way may NOT be the best way and there is a difference in reading between the lines and reading into something and misinterpreting something.

J.P. Roberts

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Chamber Chat

Great Chamber get-together

Members from the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce met for the February general membership meeting at the Didsbury Inn, and had a great time visiting and eating a terrific roast beef dinner compliments of Jack Sheridan and his staff.

Every once in a while we hear murmurings around Didsbury about the possibility of setting up a retail business association; sometimes as an arm of the Chamber, and sometimes an organization working on its own. Olds has run a fairly successful program for several years, called "Shop in Olds", and we were pleased to have one of the business volunteers working with Shop in Olds, Grace Fletch, go through some of the pros and cons, the whys and why nots of this kind of program.

Some of the ideas Grace presented were similar to how the Didsbury business community organizes Country Christmas, but with some differences, particularly treating the project as a business to business initiative, rather than a major community event. She talked about the value of the entire business community taking ownership of whatever the project is, and being passionate about it, making sure your staff know what's going on as well. It was a great presentation and she certainly gave those in attendance lots to think about.

In the meantime, the Chamber is working diligently on the annual Trade Show. We're already 50% sold out, so if you want to get in on the full slate of marketing opportunities, and participate in what is probably the best opportunity to showcase your business, please give Joelle a call at 335-9742.

For more information on the Chamber, give us a call at 335-3265, send us an e-mail at info@didsburychamber.ca or check us out on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

Missing jewellery reported by flood victims

Estimated value \$8,000 value says owner

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Didsbury Review

A family whose Westward Ho home east of Sundre was heavily damaged in flooding of the Little Red River in June may now have been victimized by jewellery thieves, say police.

The family has reported that a large plastic box containing about 35 items, including rings, earrings and watches, is missing from a storage trailer located on their property near the Little Red Deer Store.

The box was moved into the trailer when the family home was evacuated following the flooding on June 19.

The owner, who asked not to be named, last saw the jewellery box in August and reported the loss to police on Jan. 20. Police released information about the loss on Feb. 16.

"She can't say for sure that they are stolen but they are definitely missing. She believes that they might have been stolen," said Sundre RCMP Const. Tina Millard. "We had tons of people down there helping with the crews and tons of people down there pillaging. We haven't ruled out theft, but we have no

proof that it was stolen."

The items - many of them 10 to 14k gold and sized for a small woman - are worth thousands of dollars, said Millard.

The owner has been in contact with her insurance

agent, who advised her to file a police report.

"It's not here and I've gone through everything," she said. "I don't know when it disappeared. I just know that I can't find it. It was chaos here during the

flood. It was the last thing on my mind."

The jewellery is worth about \$8,000, she said.

Some of the jewellery items are family heirlooms the woman received from her mother, she said.

It is time to say farewell to this old shop

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TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, March 7 & 21, 2006 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

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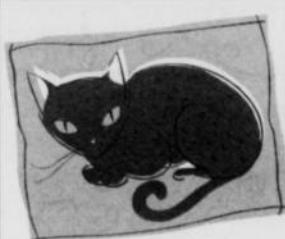
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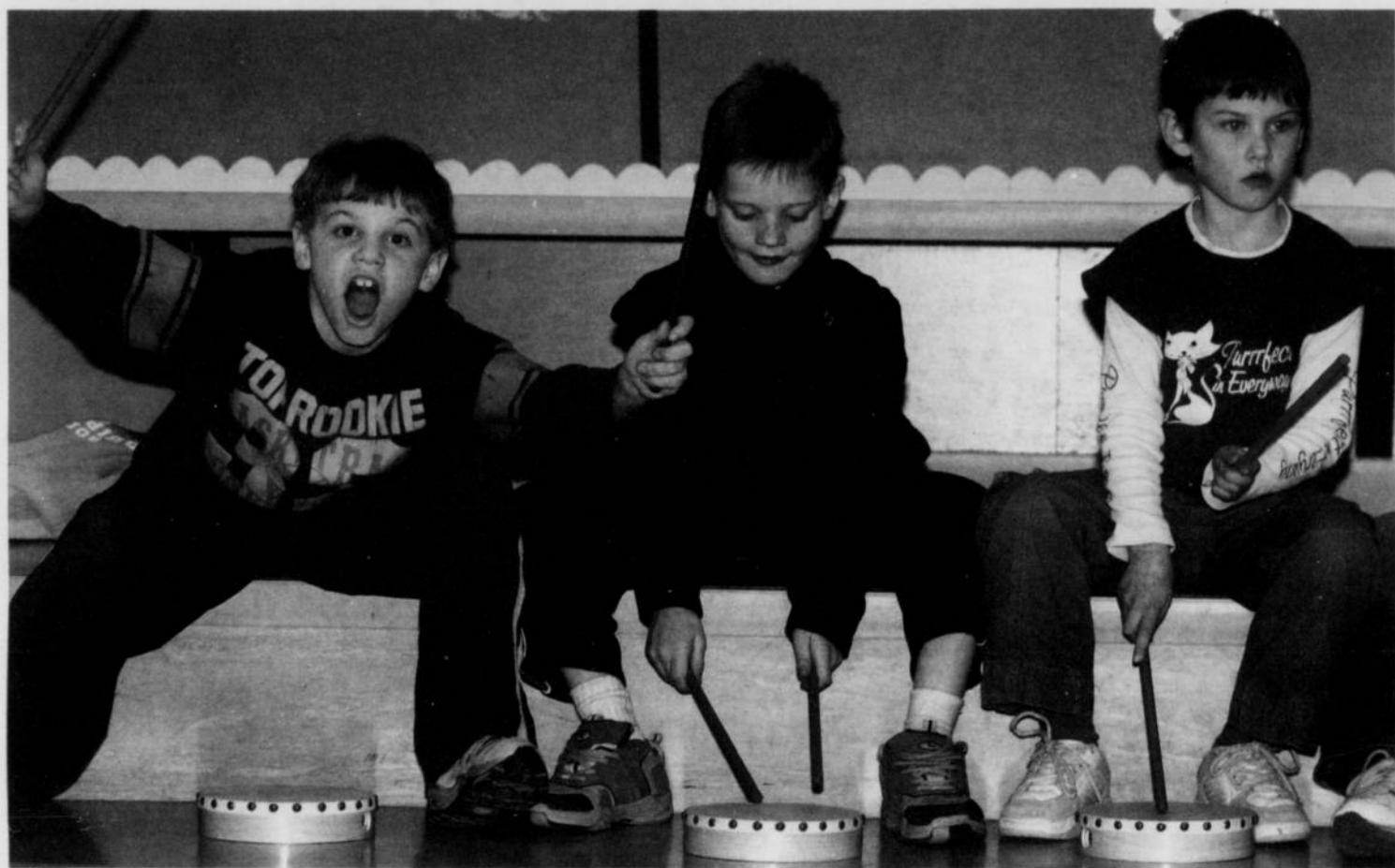
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

ROCKIN' RECESS -- 35 weather cancelled outdoor activities at Ross Ford School but it didn't take the Rock and Roll out of recess for Michael Heon during Drum Club with Liam Armsworthy and Anika Creighton.

Ross Ford students participate in educational fire safety program

Fire Safety books distributed thanks to community support

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

Ross Ford students may all become experts on fire safety now that the business-sponsored Fire Safety for Kids book will be distributed to the entire student body.

The Didsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. offered the Ross Ford students this opportunity to participate in the educational fire safety program designed to prevent fire-related injuries and fatalities.

The book, produced by Gateway Community Safety Net, is 116 pages.

It features information on how to avoid fires, plan an escape route from your home, and what to do if a fire breaks out.

It also offers health and first aid

"I am very impressed the community pulled together to do this for our students. Business owners work very hard for their money, and we appreciate them sponsoring this project."

BRENT RUNNETT
Ross Ford principal

information along with important safety tips for parents, teachers and babysitters.

"The books were delivered here before Christmas, 368 of them," said Greg Hnatiuk, Didsbury's Fire Prevention officer. "The books are also an excellent resource for parents, and contain important information and websites for more help."

Ross Ford principal Brent Runnett was very grateful the community pulled together for this project.

"These books will be great conversation starters for a lot of families in town, my own included," said Runnett. "It talks about smoke detectors, escape plans, fire drills, lots of stuff that will help the students feel safe."

All students will receive a book but

Runnett says it is up to the individual teachers if they will use the books in their curriculum.

"It is tough to add something into the curriculum," said Runnett. "If the classroom teachers can fit it in with something, I am sure they will."

According to Community Safety Net, house fires are the third leading cause of death among children, mostly as a result of smoke inhalation.

Kids start 30 percent of these fires. It was these sobering statistics that illustrated the need for fire safety education among young people.

"I am very impressed the community pulled together to do this for our students," said Runnett. "Business owners work very hard for their money, and we appreciate them sponsoring this project."



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BY SHIRLEY THOMPSON
Didsbury O.O.R.P.

The Didsbury O.O.R.P. hosted a presentation by the Didsbury Centennial Trail Committee at the Elks Hall on Jan. 25, 2006. Visitors from other interested groups in attendance were from the 5-0 Club, Didsbury Elks, a Walking Group, the Senior Support Group and Royal Purple Ladies.

The Centennial Trail Committee and Robert Wigg, a representative from the Town of Didsbury gave a very informative presentation, which brought forth a lot of interesting questions.

A donation of \$50.00 would pave 1 metre of trail, 10 metres - \$500.00.

You may donate towards a bench and tree for \$1,000.00 or plant a tree along the trail for \$300.00, a great way to get your name on a Donor Display Board.

The trail will be done in stages depending on funding and will both circle and connect all the areas of town.



Shirley Thompson, Pianist & Membership Chairman of the Didsbury O.O.R.P., from the Didsbury Trail Comm. Judy Osborne - Vice Chairman, Byron Sayer - town of Didsbury Parks and Arena, Karen Flack - Chairperson Trail Comm., Sharon Wadel - Associate Royal Lady & Membership vice chair of the Didsbury O.O.R.P.

This Centennial Trail will be a wonderful way to keep active and have a healthy lifestyle by walking, jogging, biking, rollerblading, skateboarding and making new friends.

The Didsbury Royal Purple urges all community groups and individuals to get involved and show some pride in our beautiful town. For more info contact the Centennial Trail Comm.

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Didsbury 4-H Outlaws

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Our leader is Leone Sager, with help from Elaine Welland, and Rene Hunt. Cheyenne Kenzie is leading the rodeo project. District Reps are Rene Hunt, and Angela Pratt.

We have had several meetings, and are working hard on Rodeo, Western riding and English riding projects, at the Didsbury Arena. Thanks so much to Dr. Harvey Cole for attending one of our rides and teaching us all so much about our horses. Also, thanks so much to Dean Peachment for the two very helpful and informative sessions during our rides. We all learned so much. We are looking forward to the Debbie Renger Rodeo session in the spring.

Thanks to all who donated to our bottle drive and battery recycling fundraiser. If anyone still wants to donate, call 335-2339 or 556-4111 for pick-up. The proceeds go towards our club activities, including bring in riding instructors.

Remember that the Rural 911 Address Signs will soon be mandatory on all rural property. For \$25 each, the Didsbury Outlaws are still making this available. Contact Elaine at 337-3007 or 337-2339 to order yours and be part of this fundraiser.

Our public speaking has gone well, with members going on to the District Finals, March 4th. Multi-judging was also successful, and our members had a successful day.

Our next meeting is February 13 at Rosebud Hall, (bring your record books!) and our next ride is February 18.



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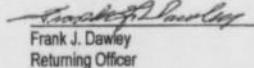
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AROUND TOWN

BY MARGE ST. CLAIR
Around the circle

Wednesday February 22

There will be a special meeting of the Didsbury O.O.R.P. at the Elks Hall at 7:30 p.m. P.S.H.R.L. Doreen Kelly will be visiting. Ladies, please come out for this.

Thursday February 23

Lacrosse - a clinic for new players ages 4 yrs. - 16 yrs. is being held in the MP Room at the Complex from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., boys and girls. Please call Brenda 335-3292 or Dave at 335-4813.

Those planning on the bus trip to Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie on Sat. Mar. 4 are reminded that your money must be in today Feb. 24th. Phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 for all the details.

Friday February 24

The Didsbury Lions Club Annual Bonspiel is being held Feb. 24 - 25. To enter please phone Vance 335-3727 or Bruce Smith 335-9173 as soon as possible so the schedule can be drawn up.

Friday February 24

All cribbage players are welcome to the 5-0 Club and play starts at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday February 25

Are you interested in starting a Stamp collection? You are welcome to come to the Didsbury Library for the monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday February 25

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Sunday February 26

You are invited to attend a concert at the Carstairs Church of God at 6:30 p.m. Calgary Philharmonic Concert Pianist Olga and her husband Demitri, world renowned pianist, and their students will be performing 'Music at its Best'. Come and bring a friend.

Our Stick Curlers have been traveling to other clubs. Ike Wiebe and Carson Schultz placed 2nd in the A Event in Stony plain; In Vulcan last week, Carson & Ike were 2nd in the A Event; John Neufeld & Lyle Craven were 3rd in the A Event and Don Jamieson & Bert Popowich of Innisfail, who are members in our league, placed 2nd in the B Event in this 2 day Bonspiel.

Thursday March 2

The Annual Meeting of the Didsbury & District Seniors Support Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. A good attendance is hoped for, come and volunteer your help to this group who do so much for the Seniors of the town and districts.

Thursday March 2

Eldon Foote Hall is open at 1:00 p.m. for Seniors of the town and districts to join in an afternoon of activities. Refreshments are served.

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Friday March 3

The members of all churches of Didsbury are invited to join on the World Day of Prayer being held at 1:30 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

Saturday March 4

St. Anthony's Catholic Church welcomes all to Mass at 7:00 p.m. The Annual meeting will follow.

Monday March 6

The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer Support Group will be held in the Board Room at the Olds Hospital from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please phone Wendy at 335-2393 for more details.

Monday March 6

The Didsbury Youth Justice Committee's next meeting is tonight. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For more info call 335-1975.

Tuesday March 7

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet in the Assembly Room at the Hospital at 2:00 p.m. All ladies welcome.

Entries are now being taken for the Mixed St. Patrick's Wind up Bonspiel being held Mar. 15 - 18 at the Didsbury Curling Rink. There is a sign up sheet downstairs at the rink or you can phone Paula 335-8283 or Judy 335-3074 (evenings).

Saturday March 18

This is one gala evening that you will want to get your tickets early so you don't miss out. To celebrate the 100th birthday of the Didsbury Masonic Lodge, a supper and dance in the MP Room at the Complex has been planned. The internationally famous "Emeralds" will be supplying the music. For tickets phone Rick Way 335-9525 or Bill Ward 335-3307 or 335-4655 (home).



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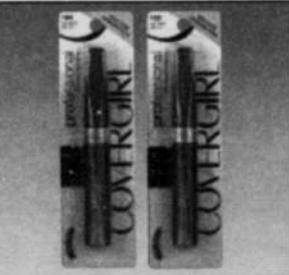
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Left photo - the winners for the Biathlon event.

Top right photo - the gold, silver and bronze winners for Bowling.

Bottom right photo - the gold, silver and bronze winners for shuffle board.

All events were held last Wednesday in a salute to the 2006 Winter Games, for the long-term residents at the Didsbury Hospital. Another event will be held Friday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. on Unit 3.



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SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

"Signs of the Times"

The World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday, March 3, 2006.

The service for this year was written by the women of South Africa and has been prepared for use in Canada by the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada.

A combined service for Didsbury and

community has been planned by the churches of Didsbury and district. It will be held at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church on Friday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m.

The theme is "Signs of the Times."

All are invited to join together for this time of prayer for our world.

One Income

Practical suggestions to avoid bankruptcy



DR. DOBSON
Focus on the family

Question:

Do you have any practical suggestions for couples who are serious about making the effort to live on one income? How can they avoid bankruptcy?

DR. DOBSON:

There may be a way to get it done. Donna Partow, author of "Homemade Business," has offered specific advice about starting your own business, which could involve desktop publishing, pet grooming, sewing, consulting, transcribing legal documents or even getting into mail-order sales. Choosing the right business is the first of three preparatory steps.

Consider taking a personal-skills-and-interest inventory to identify your abilities and to discover what you might enjoy doing. The second step is to do your homework. Begin by asking your librarian to help you research your chosen field. Look up books, magazines and newspaper articles. Talk to other people who have done what you are considering. Join an industry organization and a network. Subscribe to industry publications. According to Mrs. Partow, the third step is to garner as much support as you can. Get your children, your spouse and your friends on your side. Then marshal your resources and go for it.

Before telling me why this alternative is impossible in light of your circumstances, let me tell you about the Van Wingerden family in Colorado Springs, Colo. They have 22 children, 12 of them adopted and 10 born to Lynn, the mother. They own a strawberry farm, and all the children old enough to work are involved in it. Believe it or not, Mrs. Van Wingerden homeschooled all the kids personally. The family is highly organized and structured, with the teenagers having specific and rotating responsibilities for routine tasks and for the care of the youngsters. Visiting their home is a delight. The Van Wingerdens prove that many things are possible for those who set their minds to it.

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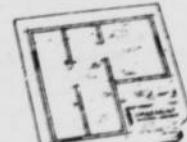
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BY DELLA KYNCL
Country Critters 4-H

We have had a great time, this past month. We took a bit of a break from training and concentrated on our public speaking events.

Our club's competition was Wednesday night, and all of

the members stood up and gave their speech. The first year members seemed a bit nervous to start, but once they got going, they blew us away. Great job from everyone. The Country Critters Club are the hosts for the District Public Speaking competition and will be held at the Rugby Hall, Feb. 18th, starting at noon. If you require more information, please call our leaders - Pat 337-0005 or Della 335-8767.

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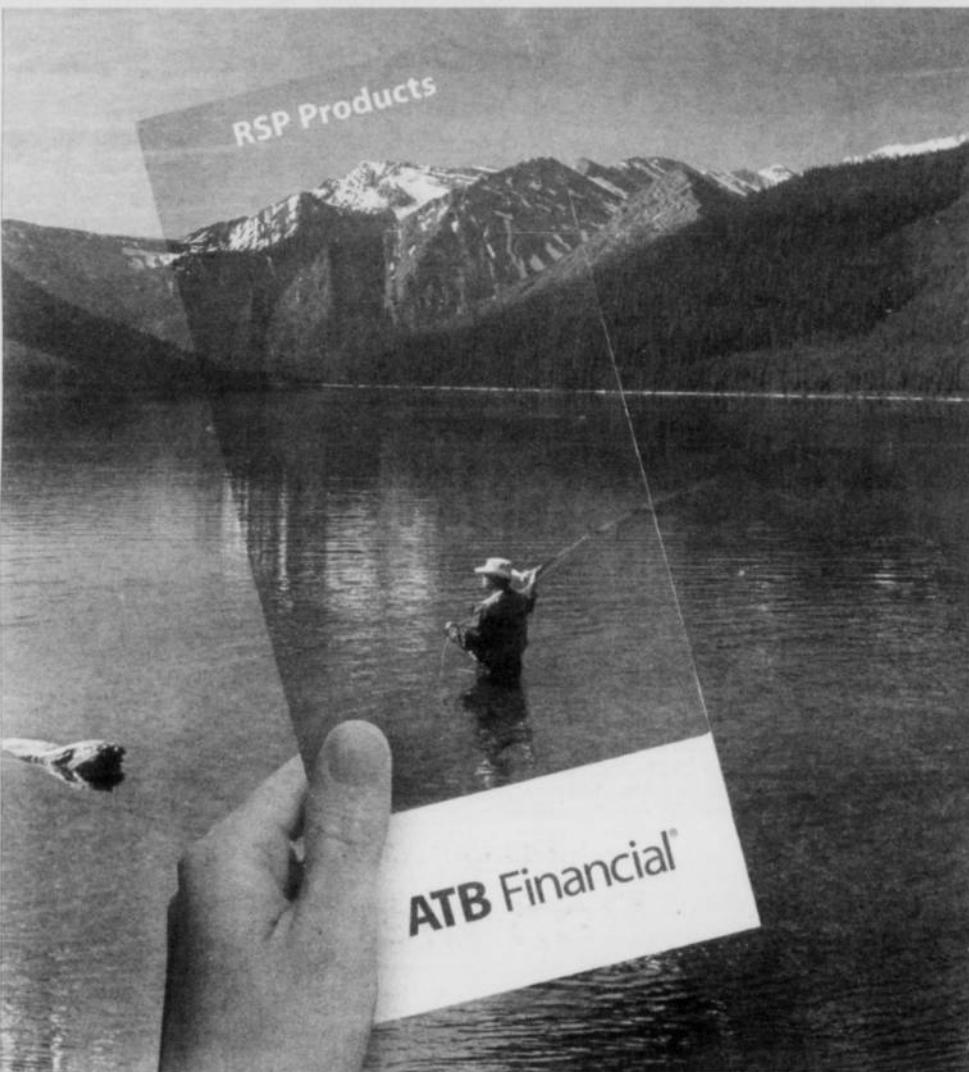
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Ponderings of the Heart

"Had I only known"

BY MARGARET FRADLEY

Recently I read the words "The love I would have shown, if only I had known". As I pondered these words, I began to think about the real meaning of the words. If only I had known what was going to happen; if only I had known that perhaps my loved one would not be with me much longer; if only I had realized the changes that were about to come about; if only I had now; how much more love I would have shown, how much more evident would have been my 'caring'. "If only" - these are two words that can rob us of our joy and peace of mind.

"Each day we are given is a gift, and those nearest and dearest to us are a blessing, and we often need to be reminded to share our love with them."

MARGARET FRADLEY

Each day we are given is a gift, and those nearest and dearest to us are a special blessing, and we often need to be reminded to share our love with them, not to be afraid to tell others we love them.

There is a humorous story told of a man who was reminded that he did not tell his wife often enough that he loved her, and his answer was "well I told her that on our wedding day, and nothing has changed". He thought that was adequate!!

All of us needs to be appreciated, to be encouraged and to be reminded that we are loved; have we told those nearest us we love them lately? Have we taken the time to share our feelings with those who need to hear them?

Most of us have had to deal with the words "If Only" in our lives, and we need to let them go and learn from them, let us not be afraid to let others know we care and that we love them, tomorrow may be too late.

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Didsbury Jr. Curlers - The Junior curling program started in November with 30 members learning to curl and/or improve their curling skills.

The Didsbury junior curlers have been going to several bonspiels in the County and are doing very well. The Didsbury juniors have two bantam teams participating in the Carstairs Bantam playoffs, March 3-5.

The Didsbury juniors are raising money for their team curling jackets. Vair Whitlow on behalf of the Didsbury Lions presented the junior curlers with a cheque for \$500.00, as sponsorship towards the new jackets. The juniors appreciate their tremendous support!

AJHL president stepping down

Kim Marsh plans to stay on as statistician

BY BARRY WILLIAMS
Didsbury Review

An eight-year tenure as Alberta Junior Hockey League president for Kim Marsh will end when the league holds its annual meeting in May.

Marsh notified the league of his decision at the semi-annual meeting held earlier in Spruce Grove.

For the past 30 years, Marsh has been involved with the league in different positions. Although Marsh is leaving he will still assist the league as statistician.

In a press release issued by the AJHL last week, Bob Clark, chairman of the board of governors, said Marsh's resignation was graciously accepted by the board.

"Marsh's offer to assist the league with alternate duties in the future is greatly appreciated," Clark said.

Under the direction of Marsh, the AJHL saw growth with the addition of the Brooks Bandits, Drumheller Dragons and the Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves, now the Okotoks Oilers.

And in the past eight years, the AJHL has become one of the premiere Junior A Hockey Leagues in Canada – an accolade directly linked to Marsh.

Also under Marsh's direction, the AJHL hosted the Royal Bank Cup, emblematic of Junior A hockey supremacy in Canada, in Grande Prairie and Camrose.

These two national championships have been regarded as the most successful in the Memorial and Royal Bank Cup history.

Marsh's expertise in Junior A hockey has also been focused with the Canadian Amateur Junior A Hockey League where he is currently Western vice-president.

It appears the league will continue to advance its quality of hockey entertainment

by working closely with the two Midget AAA hockey leagues in the province, the Alberta Major Midget AAA Hockey League and the Rural Alberta Midget AAA Hockey League.

"Management is currently reviewing ideas on restructuring the league," said Clark, who believes the partnership with the two leagues will make the AJHL better for both players and fans.

As the league heads into its final week of action in the regular season, it appears play-off positioning throughout the league will go down to the final buzzer as positioning has yet to be determined.

The Olds Grizzlies are in a battle for top spot in the south division with the Camrose Kodiaks.

In league statistics released on Feb. 16, the Kodiaks hold a slim three point lead over the Grizzlies, who have a game in hand.

With a pair of wins, this past week, the Kodiaks have garnered 66 points while the Grizzlies have accumulated 63 points.

This past weekend, the "Battle of the Bears" continued with a home and home series. On Feb. 17, the teams tangled in Camrose and on Feb. 20 they battle it out at the Sports Complex in Olds.

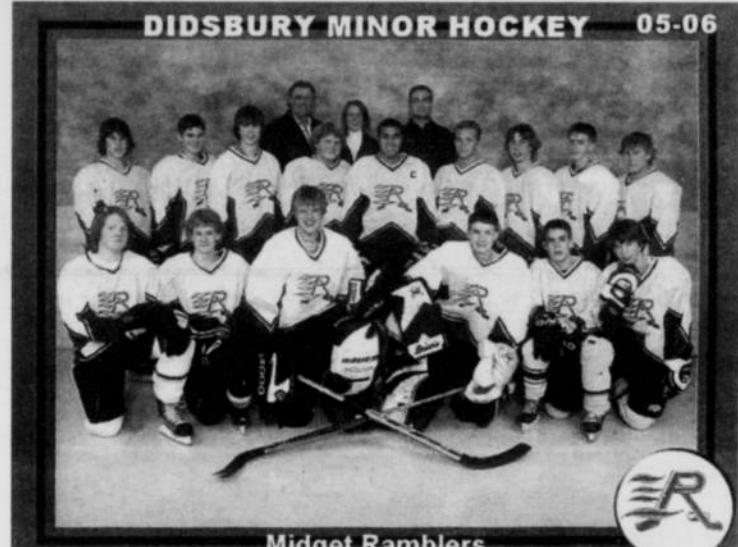
Because of the Family Day Holiday results were not known at press time.

With a game in Calgary against the Royals on Feb. 23 and a home encounter against the Calgary Canucks, the Grizzlies will close the regular season.

Since there is a raging battle for the remaining post-season positions, the Grizzlies are uncertain who they will face in the playoffs.

It could possibly be the Brooks Bandits or the Drumheller Dragons.

Playoff dates will be announced next week. For dates and ticket sales contact the Grizzlies' office.



DIDSBUY MIDGETS TIER 2 - Back row left to right - Kasey Eichhorst, Matt Jaenen, A.J. McCoy, Jan Milne, Tyler Owen, J.R. Defoe, Kyle Gebers, Tyler Facey, Riley Edwards. Front row left to right - Cody Wood, Keenan Christensen, Grant Jensen, Mike Howden, Matt Collinge, Nick Hutchison. Missing are - Tim Phillips, Jeff Stubberfield and Devon Gillies.

Didsbury Minor Hockey Rambler Minute

Our tier 2 midgets have done well this season despite injuries and suspensions. We had a rocky start but hung in there finishing 6th in league play which we start on Thursday February 16th in Cochrane.

We entered Provincials but were unsuccessful facing Sundre who play in the North League and have not had a loss this season. They were well battled games and the boys should be

proud of themselves.

We were in one tournament this year in Sundre, actually beating the host team in their own barn. We will be entering one more tournament in Three Hills in March.

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At The Kitchen Table Up in smoke



BY NOREEN OLSON

At this time of year our cows are in a field south of the house where they get their drinking water from a lovely little, tree sheltered spring. About the second week of March they will be coming up into the yard to start calving and when that happens we have to have water in the stock tank. But this year was a little different.

Last fall when we sold our calves we did not keep any heifers. We are getting too old to worry about heifers, and almost too old to keep cows, but when we had culled the old girls and not kept heifers, our herd looked pretty small. "We have lots of pasture and lots of hay," Ralph said, "maybe we should buy a few cows." And so we did, six lovely Red Angus cows, preg tested, quiet and gentle they fit into our herd as if they had always been here and we were well pleased with them. The only problem, and not a very big one, was that they began calving a month earlier than our main bunch so they would have to come up to the yard in early February. This meant there would have to be water in the stock tank, not a big deal, we have good water and for the thirty odd years that we finished our own steers Ralph kept water there and kept it ice free with a wood burning tank heater.

And so last Thursday morning he put a little fire in the tank heater. There was very little grass near the tank, short mowed grass around the shed and no snow on the ground anywhere. By noon the fire was almost non-existent but the wind was becoming gale force. Shortly after lunch while we were getting prepared to go to town for errands and groceries I thought I saw something moving out the east window. "Ralph," I said, "Is that smoke?" Within seconds he was yelling, "dial 911," and I did so while I watched the SE corner of the machine shed erupt in great tongues of flame that grew wider and higher so quickly that I knew nothing was going to save the situation. For a few awful moments I



Photo by Dan Simplotke
For the Didsbury Review

wasn't sure where Ralph was but he had managed to save one of the tractors and driven it away from the conflagration so when I saw him whole and unscathed, it didn't matter much what else was lost.

The 911 operator was very nice, efficient, calm and reassuring. Fire Departments came from Cremona, Carstairs and Didsbury and we can't say enough about how good they all were. They were wonderful and without them who knows where it would have gone. The wind was still terrible, small fires had begun in the pasture SE of the house and the Cremona crew searched out and destroyed every one. Without the fire crew the blaze might have spread to the house, fuel tanks, bales, sheds, windbreak and granaries. We could have lost everything. We are so grateful for their response and for the hard, dirty work they did. We have insurance. Not enough of course but we will be alright and maybe we don't need that big a shed anyway. Most importantly no one was hurt.

The family, friends and neighbours have been wonderful, we've had phone calls and emails from Boston to Victoria and offers of help with the cleanup are still coming in. So far they have salvaged a couple of chains, pipe wrenches, and a few blackened tools. The burned hulks that used to be trucks and tractors and the twisted metal cladding are supposed to all disappear by this weekend. The Insurance Adjuster has come and gone and we are looking at ads for pickup trucks and machine sheds. We were surprised to learn that a 25ft aluminium ladder totally vapourises.

"How did the dog make out?" several people asked, "was Gabe upset and frightened?"

The dog, I am happy to report, thought the whole thing was a lovely party and spent the time happily bringing sticks to the firemen in the hope that they would find a minute to play with him. When things calmed down some of them did. We are grateful for that too.

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Chamber of Commerce

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

Didsbury TOPS

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Meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

Beaver's

Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

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Meetings on the first Monday of each month from October to June, at 7:30 p.m. in Olds. Call Sue at 335-9477 for more information.

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LECLAIRE

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20 ANTIQUES

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